

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

WEST AREA COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of meeting held on **13 JANUARY 2010** at the

Council House from 5.31 pm to 6.20 pm

Councillor Wood	(Chair)
Councillor James	(Vice-Chair)
Councillor Chapman	
Councillor Cresswell	
Councillor Foster	
Councillor Long	
Councillor Unczur	
Councillor Watson	

indicates present at meeting

Also in attendance

Ms T Hawley)	
Ms J Hillam)	
Ms J Keeton)	Ambleside Primary and Nursery School
Ms R Khan)	
Mr C Mkandla)	

City Council Officers

Mr A High	-	Children's Services
Mr J Bunting)	
Ms N Hallam)	Community and Culture
Mr A Mohammed)	
Ms J Walker)	
Miss L Wilson	-	Resources

Please note: except where otherwise indicated, all items discussed at the meeting were the subject of a report which had been circulated beforehand.

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37 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Chapman (on other Council business), Councillor Watson, Gill Bainbridge (BelsAtra), Alison Thorpe (S.T.A.R.A) and Clive Thorpe (Area 3 Panel).

38 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

39 MINUTES

RESOLVED that, subject to the resolution of minute 30 being amended to read:

‘RESOLVED

- (1) that the proposal to build new social housing, owned by the City Council and managed by Nottingham City Homes, at Yatesbury Crescent in Bilborough be supported;**
- (2) that the proposal to build new social housing including bungalows, owned by Nottingham City Council and managed by Nottingham City Homes, at Camrose Close in Bilborough be supported’**

instead of:

‘RESOLVED that the proposal to build new social housing, owned by the City Council and managed by Nottingham City Homes, at Camrose Close and Yatesbury Crescent in Bilborough be supported’

the minutes of the last meeting held on 11 November 2009, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

40 NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION TEAM UPDATE AND FUNDING REQUESTS

(Director of Communities)

RESOLVED

- (1) that the Neighbourhood Action Team updates, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;**
- (2) that the following funding requests be approved:**

<u>Project</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Christmas pantomime	Councillor Chapman	£100
	Councillor James	£100
	Councillor Unczur	<u>£100</u>
		£300
Intergenerational Tea Dance	Councillor Chapman	£48.21
	Councillor James	£48.20
	Councillor Unczur	<u>£48.20</u>
		£144.61

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Aspley's Got Talent	Councillor James	£100
	Councillor Unczur	£100
		£200
Local Action Group newsletters	Councillor Chapman	£581
	Councillor James	£581
	Councillor Unczur	£581
		£1,743
Children's police and fire service uniforms	crime and anti-social behaviour	£1,800
Street racing	crime and anti-social behaviour	£600
The Life Project	environmental, economic and social well being	£1,000
The Vine Community Centre	Councillor Long	£1,100
Security improvements to Aspley Lane	public realm	£575

41 NEIGHBOURHOOD BLOOM 2010
(Director of Sport, Leisure and Parks)

Councillors made the following comments:

- the increase in uptake was pleasing but vandalism of community planting was still a problem. When plants were vandalised or died they needed to be replaced straight away;
- quality of plants needed to be improved to give people a better chance of winning an award and those that participated needed to be advised on how to look after the plants;
- some of the additional money could be put aside to ensure that replacement plants were available if they were needed.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the Committee consult local residents to agree a colour scheme for the 2010 floral displays;
- (2) that consideration be given to allocating some of the remaining funding in the Neighbourhood Bloom budget to a programme of horticultural and environmental improvements;
- (3) that the Committee encourage and support local neighbourhoods

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taking part in the Britain in Bloom ‘It’s Your Neighbourhood’ awards and the Green Pennant award.

42 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE’S PLAN REVIEW 2010
(Corporate Director of Children’s Services)

Councillors agreed that they would consult with local residents, through the local consultation mechanism already in place, and report the views back to Children’s Services before the end of March 2010.

RESOLVED that the comments of local tenants and residents and ward councillors, on the Children and Young People’s Plan priorities, be collated and reported back to Children’s Services by the end of March 2010.

**Asif
Mohammed**

43 AMBLESIDE PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL READING CHAMPIONS AWARD
(Director of Communities)

Teachers, parents and pupils from Ambleside Primary and Nursery were in attendance while the pupils involved in the reading champions award were presented with certificates by the Chair of the Committee.

A podcast made by the pupils involved was played for the Committee.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the congratulations of the Committee to all involved in the project be recorded;**
- (2) that £1,000, from the environmental, social and economic wellbeing budget, be granted towards the Ambleside Primary and Nursery Schools reading programme.**

44 FOOD GROWING FRAMEWORK – A STRATEGY FOR DEVELOPING FOOD GROWING OPPORTUNITIES IN NOTTINGHAM – DISCUSSION DRAFT 1
(Director of Sport, Leisure and Parks)

Councillors made the following comments:

- the proposals would only succeed if they were supported by the local community, therefore it was important to consult them before any decisions were made;
- paragraph 2.11 of the report did not reflect that some of the owners of the allotments at New Aspley Gardens did not wish to sell their plots, but this needed to be taken in to account;
- careful consideration would need to be given to the location of edible plants throughout the City as the fruit/berries they produced could

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cause a slip hazard if left on footpaths.

RESOLVED that local residents be consulted on the proposals and the responses be reported to the Parks and Open Spaces Team.

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